



## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims, including all prior versions, with the listing of claims below.

### LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently amended) A method of determining a ~~[[a]]~~ head-media spacing ~~modulation~~ of ~~between a head and a portion~~ substrate or of an actual a disc media surface, comprising:

~~simulating a head passing in near proximity to a simulated disc media surface to generate~~  
generating an air bearing transfer function as a function of wavelength;

~~generating a measuring~~ topography as a function of a distance in down track direction of  
the substrate or of [[for]]-the actual disc media surface; [[and]]

performing a Fourier transform of the topography as a function of the distance to obtain a  
squared topography function as a function of wavelength;

multiplying the squared topography function as a function of wavelength and the air  
bearing transfer function as a function of wavelength to obtain a product; and

integrating the product over a range of wavelengths to provide obtain the head-media  
spacing ~~modulation~~.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5 wherein the ~~generating of measuring~~ the  
topography as a function of distance comprises:

sampling topography as a function of distance of the portion substrate or of the  
actual disc media surface[[;]]

~~translating the actual disc topography sampled to wavelengths to provide a~~  
~~sampled topography; and~~

~~averaging the sampled topography to provide the topography function.~~

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5 wherein the ~~simulating generating an air~~  
bearing transfer function as a function of wavelength comprises:

~~providing a simulated disc topography having a wavelength;~~  
~~selecting a head to model;~~  
~~providing air bearing code for the head selected;~~  
~~providing operation parameters;~~  
 determining an air bearing transfer function from the an air bearing code the head;  
~~determining simulated head-media spacing modulation for each of a plurality of~~  
~~disc wavelengths; and~~  
~~interpolating the air bearing transfer function with gradations of the wavelengths~~  
 to provide the air bearing transfer function for the spectral density.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5 further comprising providing a model for glide avalanche (GA) to relate the head-media spacing ~~modulation~~ with a variables variable affecting processing of the substrate or the ~~actual~~ disc media surface, the model comprising:

an equation where the GA equals

$$a [\int \Lambda^2(\lambda) Y(\lambda) d\lambda]^{1/2} + b,$$

where a and b are constants,  $\Lambda$  is an air bearing transfer function, Y is a squared topography function as a function of wavelength, and  $\lambda$  is wavelength.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the model comprises integral boundaries from zero to one revolution of the disc media.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5 further comprising providing a model for glide avalanche (GA) to relate the head-media spacing ~~modulation~~ with a variables variable affecting processing of the substrate or the ~~actual~~ disc media surface, the model comprising:

an equation where the GA equals

$$a [\int Y(\lambda) d\lambda + \int \Lambda^2(\lambda) Y(\lambda) d\lambda]^{1/2} + b,$$

where a and b are constants,  $\Lambda$  is an air bearing transfer function, Y is a squared topography function as a function of wavelength, and  $\lambda$  is wavelength.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the model comprises a constant  $c$  for breaking the equation into two integrals.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the constant  $c$  is between high frequency region and resonant frequency region.

16-20. (Canceled)